

Mr. and Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely Will Give Tea Commemorating Their Fifth Wedding Anniversary

New Residence to Be Scene of Ridgely Wedding Anniversary Tea.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely will give a tea this afternoon at 5 o'clock at their new residence, 1908 Q street, in celebration of the fifth anniversary of their wedding. This is the first function they have given in their new home and will also be a sort of housewarming.

Mrs. Deering will preside at the tea table for her daughter and will be assisted by Mrs. Charles R. Shepard, who will serve chocolate, and Mrs. Stilson Hutchins, who will be at the punch bowl.

Mrs. Phelps Brown, of Springfield, Mass., daughter of Mr. Ridgely, who is visiting her grandfather, Senator Culom, will also assist.

Mrs. Ridgely will receive her guests in a handsome gown of purple velvet trimmed with old Bruges lace and Oriental passementerie.

Mrs. Deering will wear pale gray liberty satin veiled in chastity lace, with touches of gold trimming.

The house will be tastefully decorated with palms and the dining room table will have for a centerpiece a tall silver vase filled with Easter lilies.

Sigma Lambda Fraternity Gives Christmas Dance.

Members of the Sigma Lambda Fraternity held their Christmas dance last evening at Mrs. Dyer's. The committee in charge included Miss Mildred Ridder, Miss Florence Skilling, Miss Beulah Boss, and Miss Florence Cumber.

The patronesses were Mrs. Ballinger, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Summers, and Mrs. Ashford.

The Cornell Alumni of Washington and The Senators, a club of Washington men at Cornell, held a large dance last evening in the ball room of the New Willard, in honor of the Cornell Masque.

The committee in charge included W. H. McCauley, '08; C. M. Thiel, '11; C. J. Evans, '12; A. T. Combe, '13; A. B. Dunn, '15; J. H. Small, '15; and C. W. Decker, '15.

Among the patronesses were Mrs. S. T. Howard, Mrs. E. B. Thiel, Mrs. A. T. Combe, Mrs. W. E. Evans, Mrs. Robert Calahan, Jr., Mrs. F. V. Coville, Mrs. F. A. Holton, Mrs. D. F. McCauley, and Mrs. W. C. Jordan.

Masquerade Ball Given By Miss Eloise Orme.

Miss Eloise Orme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Orme, entertained at a masquerade ball last evening at her residence on Twenty-eighth street, for her house guest, Miss Charlotte Dorey, of Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont have as their guest for the day Mrs. Belmont's sister, Mrs. Lynch, who will sail next week for her home in Paris.

Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce Expected Back From Europe.

The British ambassador and Mrs. Bryce are due to arrive in New York Sunday and will come directly to Washington to attend the New Year reception at the White House Monday.

Marchese Negrotto, counselor of the Italian embassy, is observing a period of mourning for the death of his father, at Genoa, Tuesday, and has canceled all his social engagements.

The entertainment which was to have been given January 29 at the Playhouse for the benefit of the Washington Diet Kitchen has been postponed to February 8, as the Playhouse will not be sufficiently completed for the original date.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh were dinner hosts last evening in honor of Mr. Justice and Mrs. Hughes. Invited to meet them were Mr. Justice and Mrs. Lorton, the former Attorney General and Mrs. Charles J. Bonaparte, the Hon. and Mrs. Enoch T. Lincoln, the Postmaster General, Frank H. Hitchcock, Sir Robert and Lady Hardfield, Mrs. E. H. G. Slater, Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, Mrs. A. M. Munro, Wirt Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Lathrop, of Chicago; Mitchell Innes, counselor of the British embassy; Henry Emery, of the Treasury Department, and Eames MacVeagh.

President and Mrs. Taft Attend Play at Belasco.

The President and Mrs. Taft occupied the Presidential box at the Belasco Theater last evening, having as their guests Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Grosvenor, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor, Edwin Grosvenor, and Captain Butt, U. S. A.

Miss Helen Taft was the honor guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glover at a dinner for young people last evening, and later attended the dance given by the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, in honor of their house guests, Miss Sears and Miss Ames, of Boston.

The house was tastefully decorated with Christmas greens and red roses and the Merline Band played for the dancing. There were about 100 guests dancing, including the White House party.

Mrs. John McCutcheon, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. John Needham, of Philadelphia, will arrive in Washington shortly to be the guests of Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage and Miss Collier, at the Highlands, for a few days.

Miss Carrie Louise Munn, daughter of Mr. C. Norfolk, Miss Reginald Boardman, whose engagement was announced last fall, took out a marriage license today. Their wedding, which will be one of the most interesting events of the season, will not take place until the middle of February, however. The officiating clergyman will be the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Miss Rebecca Collier, daughter of Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage, was hostess at luncheon today in honor of Mrs. Chapman Smith, Philadelphia, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles M. Proulx. Covers were laid for fourteen.

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Wedding Year.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt And Kermit in Capital

Miss Ethel Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt have arrived in Washington for a visit to their brother-in-law and sister, Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. They will attend the dance which the President and Mrs. Taft are giving tonight at the White House for the house party of young people they are entertaining over the holidays.

Mrs. Taft and Guests To Attend "Il Ventaglio."

Mrs. Taft, accompanied by the house party spending the week at the Executive Mansion, will attend the performance of "Il Ventaglio" by the Yale Dramatic Association at the Columbia Theater this afternoon.

Mrs. Lett will also entertain a box party, having as her guests Miss Carrie Louise Munn, her fiancé, Reginald Boardman; Miss Dorothy Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Throppe will entertain a party of young people including Miss Dorothy Gardner Williams, Miss Gertrude Greely, Miss Louise Helen, Miss Elsie Downing, Miss Doris Haywood, Miss Ruth Hill, John W. Davidge, Adolphus Greely, Gouverneur Hoes, William Flather, Jr., John Hemphill, and their sons, Douglas and Scott Throppe.

T. Lawrence Riggs, who graduated from Yale last spring, entertained the club at luncheon preceding the play and afterwards, Mrs. Huntington Wilson, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State, will give a tea for the boys.

Mrs. Edward N. Dawson has as her house guest Miss Edith Robinson, of Hempstead, Long Island.

Mrs. Dawson and her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Geer of Hempstead, L. I., will be at home Thursdays during the season from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bacon were hosts at a dance at the New Willard last evening for their debutante daughter, Miss Mildred Bacon, and her house guest, Miss Sanford, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Meyer Cohen will be hostess at a tea today from 5 to 7 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Frederick Goldth.

The decorations will be in red poinsettias blossoms and holly.

Mrs. Cohen will wear gray satin, trimmed with iridescent beads, and Mrs. Goldth will wear black net over red tulle. Presiding at the tea table will

be Mrs. Ward Brown, who will serve traps, and Mrs. Walter Isard, who will serve chocolate. Others attending will be Miss Winifred Ambrose, Miss Nancy Jones, Miss Alice Wright, Miss Mary Radford, Miss Cornelia Ellis, granddaughter of President Tyler, Miss Ruth Cohen, and Mrs. Mann.

Col. and Mrs. E. A. Koerber, U. S. A., retired, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Koerber, to Capt. Thomas Snowden, U. S. N.

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Younger Set Will Dance at the White House Tonight.

The President and Mrs. Taft will entertain at a dance for young people tonight at the White House for Miss Taft and Robert Taft, and the house party they are entertaining for the holidays. The dance will be preceded by an informal dinner for the house party.

Their guests at the White House are Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft and Miss Louise Taft, of Cincinnati; Miss Mary Armory, of Boston; Miss Harriet Anderson, of Cincinnati; John Heron, Stephen Phillips, Mr. French and Mr. Ewen, fellow-students of Robert Taft, who is taking a law course at Harvard, having graduated from Yale last year.

Miss Anne Wright Huske Will Entertain at Tea.

Miss Anne Wright Huske will entertain at a tea this afternoon from 4 to 5:30 o'clock in honor of Miss Mildred Trullitt. The house will be prettily decorated with Southern smilax and poinsettia blossoms.

Assisting Miss Huske will be Miss Judith Beall, Miss Mary Parker, Miss Judith Berkeley, Miss Maude Parker, Miss Marjorie Moore, Miss Dorothy Campbell, Miss Elsie Meade, Miss Alice Huske, and Mrs. Huske.

The hostess will wear white satin draped with coral chiffon. Miss Trullitt will wear pale green satin, draped with embroidered chiffon.

An informal supper will be served after the tea for the receiving party and a few additional guests.

Miss Iris Masters Hostess at Luncheon.

Miss Iris Masters gave a large luncheon for twenty-four today at Raucher's. The tables were prettily decorated with centerpieces of pink and pink shaded candelabra, and there were corsage bouquets of pink sweet peas for each guest.

Mrs. S. J. Masters, mother of the hostess, and Mrs. M. E. Mercer chaperoned the party which included Miss Helen Buchanan and Miss Nellie Goodrich, of Philadelphia, house guests of Miss Masters; Miss Elsie Browning and her house guest, Miss Dorothy, of New York; Miss Helen Hendrick, Miss Mildred Bacon, Miss Hazel Cox, Miss Blodgett, her house guest; Miss Marion True, Miss Dorothy Smallwood, Miss Marie Ray, Miss Eleanor Murray, Miss Lucy Lauch, Miss Frances Edmonston, Miss Harriet Lathrop, Miss Sue Courts, Miss Maude Simpson, Miss Pearl Costello, Miss Marquette Weller, and Miss Edith Gracie.

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TAFT AGAIN CUTS RECEPTION LISTS

Drops Attorneys In Department of Justice From Coveted Roll.

The President again has decided to make a cut in the list of those who will be invited to the White House receptions which begin with that to the Diplomatic Corps next month.

The latest cut in the list of those who long have received the coveted invitations for themselves and their families affects the attorneys and assistant attorneys in the Department of Justice and there is consternation among those hundred or more attorneys who will not be among the guests in the Executive Mansion when President Taft officially receives the judiciary.

President Taft's first cut in the list of guests to official White House receptions was made last year when each of the Washington correspondents of out of town papers were invited to only one of the four annual receptions. Before that each correspondent had received invitations for himself and family or near relatives to every one of the four.

It was first discovered that the attorneys in the Department of Justice had been eliminated when inquiry was made of the Attorney General, his chief clerk, the assistant attorneys general and a few other higher officials, whether they would escort some one to the reception.

It was at first thought the ignoring of the attorneys was merely an oversight. Inquiry at the White House, however, disclosed that the President had purposely left the attorneys off his reception lists in order to relieve the crush.

Today's Reports Confirm Damage By Earthquake

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 30.—Fragmentary reports received today from the province of Elis, on the southwest coast of Greece, indicate that several villages were wrecked by yesterday's earthquake, and that hundreds of people have been rendered homeless. It is feared that many have been killed. Owing to the interruption of telegraph communication details are lacking.

Last Dance of Year.

The last dance before the New Year, to be given by the Washington Lodge, No. 15, B. P. O. E., was held in its club rooms, at 919 H street northwest, last night.

MESSINA FIRE LOSS EXCEEDS \$1,000,000

Ninety Buildings Destroyed and 3,500 People Are Made Homeless.

MESSINA, Italy, Dec. 30.—Thirty-five hundred people are homeless today as the result of fire which started yesterday, one day after the anniversary of the earthquake calamity, and caused a loss of over \$1,000,000. The fire was gotten under control shortly before dawn today and a large number of the buildings, erected following the earthquake, had been destroyed.

American tourists who are spending part of the winter here helped fight the flames and it was under their direction that the best work was done. More than ninety buildings were destroyed or gutted, and tents have been erected on the outskirts of the city to house the refugees.

Among the large buildings which suffered the heaviest loss were the post-office, telegraph office, and railroad station.

Cold weather and the lack of provisions caused much suffering among the refugees. Many of them fled, leaving all their belongings behind, and as soldiers were placed about the portion of the city for patrol duty they could not return to their homes.

Life Saving Report

According to the report of the Life Saving Service only thirty-nine persons of the 3,648 aboard wrecked vessels during the past year lost their lives, while the service relieved 964 victims of other shipwrecks and boating accidents during the year, besides rescuing 127 persons from drowning while in swimming.

Good Time?

Last night—eating big dinner is often the maker of a BAD TODAY. Why not? Over-eating means extra work for the stomach and bowels. You've got to suffer if you don't help nature unload with CASCARETS. "They work while you sleep"—you're O. K. in the A. M. Tonight's the night to take care of tomorrow.

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250 Women's Rubber Slip-
on Raincoats, Worth \$8 . . \$3.85

Misses' & Children's Long Cloth Coats & Reefers

AT HALF PRICE

This is a grand opportunity and only comes once in a great while. Choice of any Misses' or Child's Long Cloth Coat tomorrow at just half price.

\$3.98 Coats at \$1.99	\$8.98 Coats at \$4.49
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\$5.98 Coats at \$2.99	\$15.00 Coats at \$7.50
\$6.98 Coats at \$3.49	\$17.50 Coats at \$8.75

20% Discount

On All Women's, Misses' & Children's Black Casual Fur Cloth Coats.

Men's Bath Robes and Sweaters IN A GREAT SPECIAL SALE

Men's Mendels' Make Bath Robes \$2.69 Wool Sweater 20% off Coats Reduced

Choice of big variety of Eiderdown Bath Robes, left from the holidays. All sizes. To close them out at once we have marked them, in \$2.69. Marked prices, \$1.50 to \$6.00

\$6 Extra Size Silk Petticoats, \$3.69

These are made of an excellent quality taffeta silk, in black only; full 61 inches through the hips; made with tailored flounce with fine tucks; percale underlounge and dust ruffle; all lengths. \$3.69 and actually worth \$6.00. For one day only.

Neckwear, Ribbon and Beltings